

**To:** Conservation Commission  
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**Subject:** Livestock Technical Assistance Funding Distribution

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### **Background**

**Corrected Phase 2 TA Funding Distribution:** On December 20, the Conservation Commission authorized Phase 2 Livestock Technical Assistance awards to conservation districts based on an application process. Commission awards resulted in a total Priority 1 award of \$261,650, a total Priority 2 award of \$461,897, with the remaining \$17,189 of available funding distributed to Thurston CD.

Soon after the December 20 Commission Meeting, it came to our attention that a few conservation districts misunderstood the instructions for calculating technical assistance needs. Conversations with those districts and a re-crunching of the numbers resulted in a total Priority 1 award of \$256,661, a total Priority 2 award of \$396,484. This resulted in \$70,402 of additional Technical Assistance funding being available.

**Remaining Phase 1 TA Funding:** As a result of the Phase 1 TA funding distribution, twelve "old dairy" districts received TA funding in addition to the Needs Assessment amount of \$5,000. These districts were expected to deliver technical assistance to operators in addition to Conducting the Needs Assessment.

Phase 2 Technical Assistance funding is being added to unspent Phase 1 Technical Assistance funds in order to bring the level of funding up to the district's award amount. This calculation can only be done after the district submits vouchering through December 2005. Since not all December vouchers have been received, it is likely the amount will increase. So far, this has resulted in \$41,351 of additional Technical Assistance funding being available.

Total Amount Available as of 01/11/06: \$111,753

### **Recommendation for Distributing Extra Technical Assistance Funding**

The recommendation will be discussed at the Commission meeting.